

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 01 2015

RE: S.C.R. No. 80
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred S.C.R.
No. 80 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE AND HAWAII FARMERS UNION UNITED TO COLLABORATE TO
ESTABLISH A NUTRIENT RECYCLING CENTER PILOT PROJECT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the
Department of Agriculture and Hawaii Farmers Union United to
collaborate to establish a nutrient recycling center pilot
project.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii Farmers Union United, Tea Hawaii & Company, One
Island Sustainable Living, Counter Culture Food + Ferments, and
forty-one individuals. Your Committee received comments on this
measure from the Department of Agriculture and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the use of commercial fertilizers
decreases soil health and species diversity, increases pesticide
use, and reduces the nutrient density of food unlike nutrient
recycling, which puts end products back into the land-based food
chain, thereby eliminating waste and pollution, lowering
production costs, increasing yields, and leaving the soil in a
revitalized condition. Your Committee further finds that a
nutrient recycling center in Hawaii would promote environmental,
economic, and social benefits for the State along with food and
energy security for Hawaii residents.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language requesting the Department of Agriculture to collaborate with the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources in addition to the Hawaii Farmers Union United;
- (2) Amending the title to reflect the amended purpose;
- (3) Amending a finding to clarify that without nutrient recycling, nutrients flow from farmland into aquifers and shorelines; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 80, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 80, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Agriculture,



RUSSELL E. RUDERMAN, Chair

The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SCR 80</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">AGL, WAM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">3/31/15</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313</div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (C)	X			
RIVIERE, Gil (VC)	X			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	X			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.				X
THIELEN, Laura H.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn				X
SLOM, Sam				X
TOTAL	4	0	0	3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">SP Riviere</div>				
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